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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LETTER OF THANKS TO FONMIN FAHMY

## 1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO FAHMY:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: I UANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WARM AND PARTICULARLY GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WHICH YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO ME AND THE MEMBERS OF MY PARTY DURING MY FIRST VISIT TO EGYPT. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I HAD MANY EXPECTATIONS FOR MY VISIT, INCLUDING THE HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

IN THIS CONNECTION, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT PRESIDENT CARTER INTENDS TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN SEEKING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THAT ROLE, WE WILL BE TRYING TO BRING TOGETHER THE PARTIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE CONFLICT TO ENABLE THEM TO WORK OUT A VIABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA.

IN PLAYING SUCH AN ACTIVE ROLE, THE UNITED STATES MUST OF COURSE CONSIDER THE CONCERNS OF ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THIS, AS YOU KNOW, WAS THE PURPOSE OF MY RECENT VISIT. I WENT TO HEAR FOR MYSELF THE CONCERNS OF THE LEADERS OF THE

AREA, SO THAT IN FUTURE DEALINGS WE WILL BE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

I THEREFORE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE FRANK AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS WE HAD. THIS WILL HELP US BUILD THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR THE PEACE TO WHICH BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED.

AGAIN, YOUR SINCERE AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY HAS LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION ON ME. I TRULY FELT I WAS AMONG FRIENDS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. END TEXT.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH. VANCE

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